

AN UNFORGOTTEN TRAGEDY.

How Gen. Davis, the Modoc Conqueror, View Gen. Nease.
[From the San Fran. Ledger.]
Our warrant for obtaining this statement is found in this, that no connected and detailed correct account of the unfortunate affair has ever been given to the public; and, further, that the writer of this was one of the actors in the finale of the tragedy. There are only three persons living who knew all that transpired between Davis and Nease. One is General Gibson, of Louisville; one is General Davis, and the other is the writer of this paper.

On Thursday, the 25th day of September, 1862, Gen. Davis called at Nease's headquarters to confer with him upon the general subject of the citizen soldier under his command, and especially about their arms. The previous interview of the two generals had been on the 1st of August, when Nease, in manner which unhappily distinguished Gen. Nelson on the one hand, and the chagrin of the proud and fiery Indian on the other. In that interview, Nease had given arms to men he knew wanted.

Davis began to reply, and had gone so far as to say, "I am deeply sensible of the impious and violent temper of Nelson manifested itself, and he sprang to his feet, and, gazing upon Davis, exclaimed:

"What do you mean? What do I want with your shorts? Don't you know how many men you have in your command, sir?"

Davis replied, excusing his indolence by referring to the facts which have been already set out. In this article, and stated that it was impossible to tell the exact number of his men, since they were scattered over the country, and would tell him the exact number when he made his regulation for them, and again began to say that he knew how many men he had.

The rage of the general officer, warmed by General Davis' explanation or defense of himself, broke over all control, and he fired several shots.

"You are a — of a general, and tell me 'about' how many men you have. You are not worth a cent," said Davis, looking him in the eye. "I will relieve you and send you to Cincinnati. Get out of my sight — you will arrest you and send you to Cincinnati, you puppy."

Davis turned to the door, but accustomed to that control of himself which his military education had taught him, turned from the door to the window, and said:

"The last interview and the shooting."

The following Monday morning, being the 26th of September, very early in the morning, Dr. Newland, a surgeon, arrived at the time of General Davis' arrival at the old hotel, immediately in front of the office counter, when General Davis said:

"Good morning, General Nelson. I have said nothing to you, and cannot settle the master which is between us."

Davis had not finished what he had to say, but as he was beginning another sentence, Nease, who was in on him angrily and contemptuously:

"What are you doing there? Get out of my way, you contemptible puppy, out of the name of God, and out of mine! You have broken the back of his hand, and turning fiercely on Morton said, "And you came here to witness this insult, did you?"

ROBERT SMITH. — On the 23d instant, by the Rev. J. R. Draper, Mr. JOHN HENRY BURNEY and Mrs. HENRY BURNEY, all of this city.

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BARNES. — On the 23d instant, CATHARINE, infant daughter of Wm. A. and Rosina Barnes, aged six months, will take place from parents' residence, 107 West 12th street, New York, at 10 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

BLAUMAN. — On the 23d instant, Grace, infant daughter of John H. and Mary E. Blauman, aged six months, will take place from parents' residence, 107 West 12th street, New York, at 10 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

FAINTER. — On the 23d instant, Mary Fainter, widow, daughter of John and Josephine Fainter, will take place from parents' residence, 107 West 12th street, New York, at 10 o'clock. Friends and friends are invited to attend.

GARRETT. — On Saturday, May 18th instant, Dr. Newland, of this city, will be present to witness the removal of the heart of his son, John, who had just passed away. It was the custom of Dr. Newland to remove the heart of his patients, which he put in his pocket. He then set toward the door of which General Nelson had just passed. In a little while, however, he returned, walking back toward the office down the long hall which led to it. General Davis, in the meantime, was in the main office. Gen. Nelson, who had just passed away, and his left arm across his bosom, with his left hand in the right breast of his coat. It is to be remembered, however, that he had a habit of carrying a pistol in his coat, and a hand thrust in his bosom. Of this habit, however, it is reasonable to suppose that General Davis was ignorant. As Davis saw Nease, he turned to him, and, passing between the hall and the office, which opened was made by double glass doors, and drawing his pistol, called Nease —

"You, General Nelson, and defend yourself."

Nelson, however, came without changing the position of his coat. Just as he reached the end of the hall, he turned, and, turning fiercely on Morton said, "And you came here to witness the death of my son?"

The ball from Davis' pistol entered General Nelson's breast immediately above the point at which his arm crossed it. When he fell, he did not grasp the rail of the staircase and, staggering for an instant, fell on the lower step.

Probably four minutes had elapsed before the physician had eloped with the man at the side of Nelson. Dr. Newland and the other gentlemen had retired to the other side of the room, and left the dying general alone.

The clergyman ceased to remind him of the scripture which teaches that "if we from our hearts forgive not every man his brother, then our Father forgive us not our trespasses."

Catching the idea of the minister, the sinking man said, "General Davis has killed me, but I die from my heart, doctor, from my heart."

The sacrament of baptism having been administered, General Nelson lay quietly passing into his death. Dr. Newland and the other gentlemen gathered around him, and in ten minutes his soul had fled from earth, and he known became the treasure of his country forever.

For General Nelson it is to be said that he was naturally impudent — not so much to his subordinates as to his equals and superiors; that he was not of the class of men who are Davis.

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It is also to be remembered that Nelson was born out with continued service, having been in the ranks protecting an impaled city without the protection of a force of defense, stung to the quick by the talents of a diabolical element under his very eye, and that was the cause of his natural impudence in his circumstances; that he wished rather to fight Governor Morton than General Davis; that when he approached General Davis, he was in his way to his own private apartments on the second floor, and did not expect to meet Davis at all; and finally, that he was unarmed when General Davis shot him.

A Dog Chases a Railroad Train for Four Miles, and Keeps Up With It. [From the St. Paul Press.]

Wednesday last had a "good day for the race" — the dog chase of a Minnesota dog, related by a reliable eye-witness, shall prove.

On that day, as on the trains on the Lake Superior and Mississippi railroad stopped at Centreville, a few miles beyond White Bear Lake, a lady took a seat in one of the passenger coaches, and the train started. When it stopped at White Bear station a dog of medium size, and with rather a shaggy coat, was running alongside the train. It was noticed to be very warm and panting heavily; again, a few miles further on, a halt was made to take water, and Conductor Bond called the attention of some of the passengers to the fact that that dog had been running alongside the train for the last four hours.

The train was again off, and shortly dog was seen close behind. Passengers were anxious to get to the rear of the car to watch the race. Occasionally, at some pools beside the track, dog would dash down, take a few drops of the cooling fluid, varying its pace with the train, and then dash back again, as if in pain at the idea of being left behind, dash on. In this way an even race was kept up for nearly half an hour, when the train made a stop at a station, and the dog was seen to be near the engine.

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